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A) SOCIOLOGICAL:

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From 1945 to 1948, in Armenia and in the Caucasus, there was great unruliness because of the demobilization, when the people had to adapt thembribed the officials in order to gangs selves to again work for little pay, and/ were formed that engages in rape, murder, robbery, and all kinds of atrocities. This movement was almost completely 25X1 stopped, with the mass banishment of the people involved. Toward the end of 1953 and the beginning of 1954, there was talk at the Shcherbakov camp that robbery and 25X1 pillage was then being carried on by certain habitual criminals who had been set free a short time before by reason of the amnesty of Malenkov. Of these, there were about 500 at Shcherbakov and they made life impossible with their terrorist activities upon the citizens, mainly at night. There were cases of nurses and camp personnel who finished working late in the day, and who did not return to their homes for fear of these bandits. The authorities took severe steps and again sentenced the men involved. Similar cases occurred in many more cities where

In the Ukraine there was an organization called "The Flags", which was a guerrilla group composed of the nationalists who had aided or protected the Germans; also in the ranks of this organization were some of the remnants of the Vlasov forces; in addition, there were some civilians who sypathized with the group, and others who had committed some frime and feared justice. This organization was still spoken of in 1950, but it seems to have suffered many losses and was then operating in small, isolated groups.

this type of individual had fixed his residence after being granted amnesty.

In Bukhta-Vanina in 1949, he heard about 200 former guerrilla fighters from the Baltic countries who were very well organized against the Soviets; this group had been persecuted very much and almost exterminated by the Soviets.

5. In 1948, an improvement in the food was noted. This was considered due to the fact that at that time the money was devalued to the rate of 10:1, resulting in a corresponding drop in the value of the merchandise in the black market, and in the market sale of bread. This improvement was caused by the fact that

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the free Soviet citizens had fulfilled their primary needs; therefore, they stopped stealing the supplies of the prisoners, and while the rations of the latter were not officially increased, still an increase was noted because none of their provisions were taken. This indicated a considerable improvement in the rations.

Some prisoners were paid prior to 1948, but in that year this pay was increased to the point that, at least in the Odessa region, all those who fulfilled the work norms were paid. He believes that this improvement in pays was due to the existence of articles for sale in the open which, which enabled the prisoner to use his pay to supplement his food ration. This salary augmented the special rations of bread and soup that were given upon fulfilling the norm prior to 1948, and at the same time offered a greater stimulus.

The camp discipline softened a little. For one thing, the prisoners now began to have hope of repatriation, and for that reason thought the camp atmosphere a little less harsh. For another thing, the "knavery" decreased very much because of the improvement in the food

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He earned a salary of 30 rubles a month, for the first time in 1947 in Odessa, and also upon isolated occasions between 1948 and 1954.

9. The Soviet citizens, if they are workers, refrain from making any comments of praise or scorn regarding their government; but if they are students or members of the KONSOMOL of the Party, they do everything to defend their system of government, openly teaching others and manifesting their hatred of capitalist nations. They understood that their living standard was inferior to that of the West, but they blamed that on Germany for having destroyed their wealth.

#### B) INDOCTRINATION:

- 1. They have never tried to indoctrinate him.
- 2. He believes that the Soviets did not win over many of the prisoners. Many of the latter collaborated with the Soviets in order to improve their health or deficient food rations, compromising themselves with being obliged to denounce their comrades; but very few were won over, through conviction, by the Soviets.

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the Communists live under a regime of terror
and slavery, but that there are some who have the advantages in the Soviet nation.
The objective of Soviet policy is the liberation of the world worker, and for that
purpose it aspires to world domination. In general, they give an intense political
education to the younger generations, among whom the most intelligent and fanatic
are chosen to most faithfully fulfill the tasks of the Party. Besides the intense
education, all the literature and amusements, such as the movie and the theater,
bear the virus of Communism, which is exalted as the instrument which is to bring
happiness to the people; meanwhile, the fred world, called "capitalist" by them,
is condemned as the oppressor of the liberty and civilization of the masses. Also,
they teach love of the homeland, making them believe that they are the most
advanced, that they enjoy the best living standard in the world, and that the best
literary works and great discoveries are of Soviet origin, under the flag and
protection of Communism.

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The civilians wore the same kind of clothing that the prisoners did.

They wore long, quilted trousers; a "bufaika" or kind of quilted jacket, having sleeves, and fitting tight around the body. Ever this garment, they placed another called "buslab" (phonetic spelling), which is a kind of pea-jacket that reaches to the knees and also is quilted; a fur cap, of wool or of quilting, that covered the nape of the neck and the cheeks as far as the chin; in addition, they had to cover the rest of their faces with cloths, and frequently persons were seen who had lost their ears and noses from having them frozen. Finally, as an outer garment, they used felt boots, which were 7 or 8 millimeters thick, and which they wore over rags instead of socks. Also they wore gloves or guantlets, having one space for the thumb and another for the remaining four fingers. These reached about 5 centimeters above the wrist.

In summer, they wore trousers made of a poor material, and used a kind of badly made jacket of the same material; a kind of visored cap having a fine mesh to protect the from the constant threat of mosquito bites; rubber-soled boots, reaching up to the ankle, made of material or of material and canvas, or another type of half-length boot, with the foot part made of material, the sole of rubber, and the upper part of rubberized canvas. For work, even at this time, they wore lighter gloves than those worn in winter, which protected their hands against any little accident during work. Also, if it got cold in summer, they donned the "bufaika."

3. Sanitary facilities did not exist; but, in reality, the two mines were not unsanitary because they were not damp and they were of slight depth because they were horizontal mines. Defecation was effected outside the mine and was not permitted inside it. The equipment was sufficient because the number of prisoners made up for the deficiencies; but, the system of work was antiquated. They extracted the ore-bearing rock with drills; this rock was taken out and piled up in winter; in summer it was worked in the waters of a nearby

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5. The freight passing over this line included construction materials (coment, wood, dynamite) and also, potatoes, vegetables, barley, fish, coal, and liquid fuel. Predominating were freight cars loaded with prisoners. Every morning a passenger train passed. The freight cars were of 40 and 60 tons, though there were also some of 20 tons.

among the tracks, about 400 or 500 meters west of the station.

The 40-and 20-ton cars had 4 wheels. The 60-ton cars had 8 wheels. The three sizes were of one type, having a platform with sides 60 centimeters high, usually made of wood, which could be moved for the loading and unloading operations.

Another type had sides about 1.7 meters in height, no roof, and the platform was a right angle formed by two ramps running the length of the vehicle, used in the automatic unloading of coal, rock, earth, or grain in bulk. It had a double door on each side of the vehicle.

The third type was an enclosed car, of wood, about 3 meters in height, on a platform, with a door and two windows on each side; these were used for carrying prisoners and for goods that could not be exposed to the elements.

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Approved For Release 2008/01/29: CIA-RDP83-00418R007400020001-6 25X1 25X1 The passenger train that passed each day had seven or eight units; these were old and of the usual type, metal and wood. The locomotives that were seen generally were not large; antiquated types of German and Soviet manufacture were observed. (N49-00, E140-16) This city is Bukhta Vanina, The city of Nikolayevsk was about 200 or 300 kilometers to the frequently prisoners arrived at Bukhta Vanina in trucks from the aforementioned city, and they said that the distance was about as stated. The port is about 2 kilometers from the city and did not seem to be of much importance. This was located in a natural bay; a pier that 25X1 entered the water for about 200 meters and served as a breakwater. At the beginning of the pier there were about 3 or 4 wooden sheds, where merchandise was stored; one of these sheds was used for the checking and registering of the represented the greatest traffic of the port. Nearby, there was prisoners, Ma fenced yard a truck base and about 4,000 buses parked/ , all of them new 25X1 and some covered with canvas. About 30 kilometers for this port, according to the Soviets, there was a Sovetskay a Gavan (N48-58, E 140-16) new, military-type port called Showgaban. On the railroad that passes through the city of Bukhta Vanina, subject saw several trains loaded with sheet metal about 25X1 4 meters by 2 meters; but the Soviets said that the metal was destined for the construction of navy vessels at the Shovgaban shipyards, which is reportedly the most important naval base that the USSR has on the Pacific. About 4 or 5 kilometers from Bukhta Vanina, buildings were being erected. surrounded by a camp-like enclosure, with about 8 barracks for the quartering of troops and a huge kitchen; from the number of stoves, and the number and sizes of

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the kettles, it is estimated that meals could be prepared for about 20,000 people.

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G) <u>SUKINKI:</u>
1. This is a small town of about 500 homes, having one factory;
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2 or 3 chimneys, about 29 or 25 meters in height. This town is about 400 kilometers
north of Magadan.
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In this town there was a central camp which was the headquarters for several camps
located in this area.
A great movement of tractor-drawn trucks was seen.
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prospecting work in search of new veins.
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b) These mines were about 90 kilometers from Sukinki;
they were toward the west, but he is not certain of this. The maximum distance
separating these mines was about 2 kilometers.
c) It was said that production at these mines was small, for the
prisoners received no money because they did not extract the required amount of
gold. 25
cion can be made from the following information: during June, July,
ugust, and September, the ore for the entire year was washed while the mining
perations continued; for this work, they used about 300 men and set a work norm
of 60 grams daily for each man
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One of the mines in which subject worked was located at a watercourse,
and the other was located on the slope of a hill; both are horizontal, like a
cunnel, with a slight downward slope; their horizontal depth was about 150 to 200
neters; in one of them, about 30 meters from the entrance, there was an arch from
which there stemmed five galleries leading in different directions. The other mine
nad only three galleries. The two were made by means of blast holes produced with
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each machine had a machinist or mechanic and a stoker.

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The other Electro-Stancia was one kilometer away from the aforementioned one, railroad
and it consisted of a large/locomotive that had been brought there and disassembled
in 1949. It was installed in a wooden shed and placed, without wheels, on a solid
slab of concrete set in the ground so that the furnace door was below ground level.
This machine was in good condition, it was of a modern type and made in Germany,
It used about 30 or 35 cubic meters of
wood every 24 hours, which wood was brought already cut in trucks from the other
Electro-Stancia. Taking care of this, in three work shifts, were 3 machinists
and 6 stokers, and an additional 3 men in charge of the pump that supplied water
to the locomotive. it produced 400 to 500 KWH of power.
These two Electro-Stancias supplied power to the 5 or 6 mines that were nearby, at
a distance of about 12 kilometers. The power conductor cables extended underground
from the Electro-Stancias to their respective, nearby transformers. From the
transformers, the cables extended on wooden posts. About 300 men, all convicts,
worked at supplying and servicing the two Electro-Stancias. They were controlled
by one director, 3 foreman, and about 6 mechanics, some specialists in machinery
and others in electricity; the rest of the personnel worked in the cutting,
transporting, and distribution of the firewood.
h) In each of the mines in which subject has been, about 75 men worked in
three daily shifts. These persons were condemned to forced labor. The personnel
in charge, who controlled and directed the work, also were under sentence and had
been deported there, although they had more liberty of action and movement than the prisoners sid.
5. two camps; one was 90 kilometers and the other was
115 kilometers from Sukinki.
The first quartered the personnel who worked in the mines, and the second was for the personnel of the Electro-Stancias; they had 1,500 prisoners and 300 prisoners,
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respectively. These persons were serving sentences of 10 to 25 years of forced
labor, the majority for ordinary crimes. Almost all were of Soviet nationality;
there were only about 10 war prisoners, including Germans, Hungarians, Rumanians,  The food was like that in any other Soviet camp, consisting primarily 25X
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of barley, salted figh, some fat, 600 to 800 grams of bread, and 21 grams of sugar.
The persons who had been exiled and deported ate food like that of the prisoners,
for although the indicated articles, with the exception of sugar, were for sale
in the open market, there were no other articles to vary the diet.
The prisoners' quarters were wooden sheds placed within a wooden wall 3 meters for ever,
high, which was without wires, but which had sentry boxes;
the guard there was superfluous inasmuch as leaving those camps meant perishing
from hunger and cold.
The free personnel, namely the exiled or deported persons, lived in bunkers
or in small wooden houses, which, generally, were worse than the prisoners'
quarters.
All these persons worked in the mines and at the Electro-Stancias.
H) <u>KARAGANDA</u> :
a camp called Karabas, near Karagana, which took care of 25X
transients and the distribution of prisoners.
CERAMICS FACTORY, NEAR KAZAKHSTAN:
1. It was known as the "Brick Factory",
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4. This factory is located about 8 or 10 kilometers from the city of  Kayakhstan  25X
Mazanis Julia
a prison camp, near this factory and near the city of 25X
Kazakhstan, by railroad from Karaganda. (On the map no railroad is shown to
this city.)

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From Kazakhstan there were two branch railroad lines; one went to the camp, and the other went to the factory; both were almost in the same direction.

5. This factory had a rectangular contour, bounded by the usual-type fence, where guards were on duty at sentry boxes. The dimensions of the rectangle were approximately 300 meters by 200 meters. Inside there were only two buildings, constructed of brick and common cement, with roofs of flat tile and frames of steel.

The smaller building was about 120 meters by 25 meters and it was of uneven height, having two floors in some places, and only one in other places. Inside, it had an iron works for repairing tools and carts, and for making other minor repairs; also, it had a small carpenter's shop. The most important feature of this building was its use for the manufacture of construction blocks, which were made mainly of cinders and cement. For this work, there was a concrete mixer where the mixing was done; then it was deposited in wooden molds. These blocks were solid with dimensions of 35 mentimeters by 20 centimeters by 20 centimeters.

The other structure consisted of two buildings that were joined, one running crosswise and the other lengthwise. The crosswise one had three floors; on the first floor there was a machine for molding the bricks; on the other two floors there were workshops. The other part of the structure had only one floor, containing the kiln and the chambers for drying the bricks.

It was noted that this factory was built before the war.

They were beginning to enlarge the factory, for although the kiln was very large, it did not suffice for the work.

Sketch of brick factory near Kazakhstan 7

6. The factory was operated by means of electricity, which subject believes came from Kazakhstan; the lines were carried on wooden posts that followed the railroad.

- 8. The factory had no heating system.
- 9. Transport within the plant was done with carts on rails and with wheelbarrows.

Transport outside the plant was done by train and by several trucks, which did not belong to the factory. There were two railroad branch lines which entered along each parallel side next to the larger building to facilitate loading and unloading. The track gauge was the usual one for the USSR.

#### 10. EQUIPMENT.

a) There was one mixer in operation; it was completely of steel, of cylindrical form, a little more than one meter in diameter and about 5 meters high. It had three compartments; in number one the was mixed with the cement in a and The was taken from a nearby quarry in carts, dumped onto a concave belt about 50 centimeters wide, which deposited it in the first compartment of the mixer; meanwhile the cement was poured into a hopper. When this mixture had been made, it emtered the second compartment, where water was added; from there, it entered the third compartment, where it was thoroughly mixed. From this, the mixture at taken by means of a heloicadal shaft through a tube it the quadrangular prismatic shape; and as it emerged, a worker, operating a lever bar, divided it into bricks. These were withdrawn by means of another belt, from which an employee took them and placed them onto trays, which he then placed in a cart. The cart was pushed by a man to the drying rooms; there, he operated a lever, which lowered the platform of the cart and left the trays resting on supports in the drying room. After the drying process, the cart was brought back, the lever was operated which me raised the platform of the cart and left the trays suspended on the cart; then the trays were placed in the kiln where the bricks were baked.

The drying rooms, numbering about 40, utilized a system of tubes to receive the necessary hot air, which was sent from the kiln by means of a very powerful fan operated by a 50 HP electric motor. The capacity of each drying room



was about 4,000 bricks, which remained in the room for about 48 hours. The klin was surrounded by a wall of refractory brick, oval-shaped, with its axes having approximate dimensions of 50 meters by 25 meters; the roof was of the same material, in the form of an arch. From the wall to/the center of the room, at intervals of 6 meters, there was a kind of radius-like partition that divided the had openings between kiln into 15 or 20 compartments; while these compartments/ the exterior, these openings were blocked with bricks and clay when the kiln was in operation. The individualization of the compartments permitted continuous operation, inasmuch as each compartment was in a different phase of the work. The lighting was effected individually from below; later the fire was fed by opening a trapdoor and throwing in coal from the roof.

The machinery described was in good condition	25 <b>X</b> 1
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This factory had the disadvantage that the kiln was small and did	
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not suffice for the

#### 11. PRODUCTION:

a)	The manufacture	of	blocks	of	cinders	and	cement	was	very	small;	
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The bricks were all of the same type, elaboration, and volume.

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They were solid, with approximate dimensions of 25 centimeters by 12 centimeters by 5 centimeters. Each weighed about 2 kilograms and they were of the usual red color.

Through the initiatize of the Rumanian prisoners, the manufacture of earthenware plates was begun.

The daily production of bricks varied between 150 and 200 tons; they constantly strived to surpass this production.

RAW MATERIALS: 12. a)

The clay came from a quarry located

within the enclosure near the central building.

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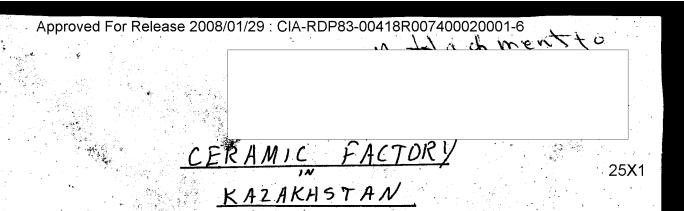
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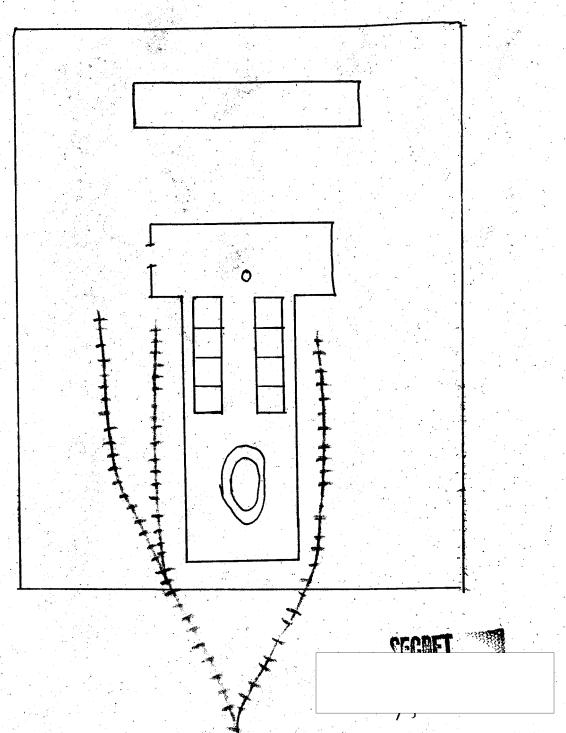
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13. <u>s</u>	SUBSTRUCTURE AND COMP	ONENTS:		
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14. <u>M</u>	IANAGEMENT:			
a	) There was one dir	ector, and also a wom	an who had duties si	imilar to
those of t	he director, because	they always inspected	d the work together.	
	In	addition, there were	two foremen in each	shift,
who direct	ed, watched over, an	nd controlled the work	. These were free S	Soviet
citizens.				
15. <u>L</u>	ABOR:			· .
a	a) Eight free Soviet	s worked there; they	controlled the motor	rs and took
care of th	e machinery; of thes	se, 3 were women. The	administrative work	c was
handled by	7 5 or 6 free Soviets	1.	these Soviets,	although free,
were exile	ed. Working in the t	hree shifts were some	<b>₽</b> 600 prisoners of	war,
including	Germans, Hungarians,	Rumanians, Poles, Du	tch, and Spaniards.	There were
no technic	cians among these. N	No one lived in the fa	ctory. The Soviets	lived in
separate h	nouses in the vicinit	y. The prisoners liv	ed in the prison car	np about
2 or 3 kil	Lometers away.		They wo	rked in
three shif	fts; each shift had a	about 200 men.		
	They worked all w	week long. On Sundays	, two shifts worked	and one
rested. T	This means that the w	orkers rested every 2	l days.	
16. T	There was no program	of instruction.		
17. T	The factory guards we	ere the same soldiers	who watched over the	e prisoners,
and the gu	larding was done from	the sentry boxes alo	ng the fence. Duri	ng the night,
a pair of	soldiers, with a dog,	were on patrol duty a	round the factory.	Another
patrol, wi	ith dogs, checked the	e trains upon their de	parture. Also, the	re was a
guard, wit	chout any visible wea	apon, who watched over	the coal and mater	ial of the
factory.	There was a telephon	ne. In sounding the a	larm, they used a p	iece of rail
they hung	from each sentry box	c. The fences were of	barbed wire.	
18.				The
fire-fight	ting equipment consis	sted of several fire e	xtinguishers, axes	and shovels,
some boxes	s containing sand, ar	nd several water bucke	ts. The alarm sign	al was a

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piece of rail, hanging from a hook, like those at the sentry boxes. There were no firemen.

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### 19. STORAGE AND TRANSPORT OF THE RAW MATERIAL AND PRODUCTS:

- a), b), and c). There were no platforms, elevators, or depots.
- d) Nor were there storage places on the ground; only the coal was piled up at both sides of the track, and from there it was removed in wheelbarrows.
- e) There was no machinery for loading and unloading; these operations were done by hand.
  - f) There were no special depots.

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in flight							25 <b>X</b> 1

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1. In the Far East there exists the city of Bukhta-Vanina (49 degrees North Latitude, 140 degrees East Longitude). The chief nucleeus of its inhabitants is made up of the political prisoners who have completed their sentences and exiles from other parts of the USSR. All of the public functions are in the hands of the members of the Cheka of this place.

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2. It is one of the most important centers of communication of the area; through it there is developing the transportation with the Chukotskiy and the Kolyma areas.

3. In Bukhta-Vanina there are very large prisons, completely filled with convicts, which supply the penal labor for the Chukotskiy and the Kolyma areas.

- 4. Its port is with very many points in the Far East by means of an extensive railway network.
- 5. The industry consists of sawmills; the timber is obtained from the innumerable forests in the area. The lumber is distributed to all parts of the USSR by means of railway.
- 6. In the port there are various shippards in which ships of from 8,000 to 12,000 tons are constructed; these ships are normally destined for the merchant fleet.
- 7. As a result of the large number of prisoners employed on the construction projects, the city is growing rapidly.

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